

ANNUAL SERMON
TO V. M. I. CADETS

Scholarly Discourse Is Delivered
by Dr. J. G. Plunkett, of
Birmingham.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lexington, Va., June 19.—Rev. J. G. Plunkett, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Ala., preached the annual sermon to the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute today. The service was held in the Jackson Memorial Hall, which was filled with the corps of cadets, their friends and many visitors to the commencement exercises. A feature was the music, led by a cadet choir, accompanied by the V. M. I. Orchestra.

Dr. Plunkett's sermon was an appeal for the soldier life as applied to the life of the Christian, based on the letter of St. Paul to Timothy, wherein the latter was advised to quit himself like a man. Recognizing that his sermon was to be delivered to a graduating class of a great military school, Dr. Plunkett drew many lessons from the military life, the past, and declared that the same obedience, discipline and devotion were applied to the Christian warfare, the world would soon be won for Christ. The remainder of the exercises will be as follows:

Monday, June 20.
9:30 A. M.—Bible Manual.
10:30 A. M.—Salute to board of visitors.
11:30 A. M.—Bayonet exercise.
4:00 P. M.—Signaling with heliograph, electric "buzzer" and flags; first aid to the wounded; drill and "advance and rear guard" drill.
6:00 P. M.—Regimental review before the board of visitors, followed by regimental parade.
Tuesday, June 21.
9:30 A. M.—Morning parade, preceded by "escort" of the color guard.
10:00 A. M.—Battalion drill; battle exercise; attack and defense.
4:00 P. M.—Bible Manual.
5:00 P. M.—Shelter, tent pitching.
6:00 P. M.—Review before alumni, followed by battalion parade; "graduation parade."
Wednesday, June 22.
11:00 A. M.—Graduating exercises; announcement of distinction in cadet; address by Cadet B. F. Crowson, of Virginia; delivery of diplomas and degrees; address by Hon. William H. Hodges, Mann, governor of Virginia; delivery of Jackson-Hope medals by Major-General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, United States Army; publication of promotions and appointments in battalion of cadets; "Auld Lang Syne."

NEFF IS ELECTED
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Charlottesville, Va., June 19.—William Newton Neff, of Charlottesville, has been elected assistant general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of the University of Virginia. In addition to helping in Bible Study work he will assist Secretary Brockman in the general administration of the association. He is an all-around college man. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia, where he received master of arts degree at the University of Virginia. Coming to the university he has taken an active part in the literary societies and the Civic Club. The past season he was captain of the basketball team, and one of the conspicuous players in the tennis tournament. He is president of the Raven Society, a Phi Beta Kappa and vice-president of the Y. M. C. A. He is an instructor in physics for next session.

Mallet Science Prize Awarded.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Charlottesville, Va., June 19.—At the closing exercises of the fifth session of the Jefferson School for Boys, this city, the John W. Mallet science prize was awarded Raymond Lauck Benson, of Brookville, Md. The upper school prize was received by the late Robert Morrison prize was awarded Thomas J. Michie, Jr., of Charlottesville, and the junior prize to George Howe Lindsay, of Baltimore, N. C. The Martin medal for the most promising athlete, was awarded Robert Kent of Charlottesville, and the headmaster's prize for the most indispensable athlete went to William Bennett Bertram, of Monticello, Ky. The leading baseball batter of the year went to Michael Woods, of the University of Virginia.

FIGHT ON HOOKWORM.

North Carolina Medical Society to Engage in Vigorous Campaign.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Raleigh, N. C., June 19.—Dr. John A. Ferrall, assistant secretary of the North Carolina Board of Health, in charge of the hookworm eradication work, directed by the Rockefeller Sanitation Commission, says that the campaign for eradication in North Carolina will begin as soon as the detailed report of the work to be presented in connection with the annual session of the North Carolina Medical Society, at Wrightsville Beach, the special session for the consideration of the hookworm being set for June 23.

Briefly stated the plan of campaign that will be outlined to the physicians at Wrightsville is to divide the State into sixteen or eighteen districts, of five or six counties each, on an average. For the present, there will be five practical districts, each with a physician, who will carry out the campaign, and the people who will be appointed as local health officers, or superintendents, to assist in the campaign, devoting their entire time to the campaign against the hookworm disease. Each of these district agents will be expected to bring about reasonably rapid improvement in sanitary conditions, will dig out the eggs of hookworms and treat the soil with lime. At the Wrightsville conference on hookworm disease, in connection with the State Medical Society, Dr. Hiram Byrd will discuss "Methods in the Crusade Against Hookworm Disease in Florida." Dr. William Allen, of the Rockefeller Sanitation Commission, will discuss "The Value and Essentials of Sanitation." Dr. William Allen, of the Rockefeller Sanitation Commission, will discuss "The Value and Essentials of Sanitation." Dr. William Allen, of the Rockefeller Sanitation Commission, will discuss "The Value and Essentials of Sanitation."

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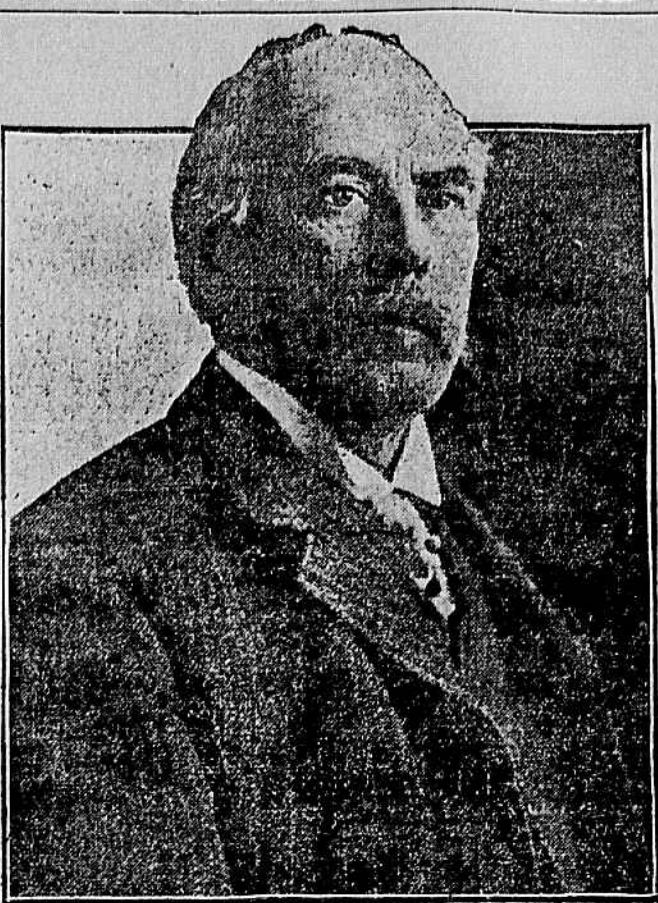
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A LINIMENT FOR EXTERNAL USE.

One of the most valuable qualities of Mother's Friend is that it safe-guards the future health of the mother. It is a liniment to be applied externally to the body, the use of which lubricates the muscles and tendons, softens the glands and ducts, prevents lumps forming in the breasts, and relieves the pain, nervousness, nausea, and other troubles from which so many expectant mothers suffer. When Mother's Friend is used regularly it fits and prepares the system for an easy and natural consummation of the term. Women who massage with this great liniment are always saved much suffering when baby comes, and recover more quickly, and without ill effects. Mother's Friend is sold at drug stores. Write for our free book for expectant mothers.

THE BRADFIELD CO., ATLANTA, GA.

BELIEVES CHARLTON DEAD



CHARLES M. CAUGHY.
American Consul at Milan, who has insisted steadfastly that Porter Charlton is dead and was not the murderer of his wife.

VERY HEAVY DAMAGE
IS WROUGHT BY FLOOD

Waters Have Been Higher and More Dangerous Than for Years—Farmers in Shenandoah Valley Suffer Severe Loss.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Winchester, Va., June 19.—The high waters which have menaced life and destroyed much property since early Thursday morning are receding rapidly, and by noon to-day practically all the rivers and creeks of this section of the State and nearby parts of West Virginia were within their banks. Old residents say the floods of the past few days have caused more damage than at any time since the Johnstown flood. Many promising wheat and corn crops in the lowlands have been utterly ruined, thousands of young chickens were drowned, small outbuildings washed away and roads badly damaged. The Valley Turnpike, between Winchester and Harrisonburg, suffered severely, and at Meem's Bottom, near Mount Jackson, a mile of roadway on the bank of the river was flooded, leaving only an outline of the pike. A bridge near Harrisonburg was carried off its foundations and washed down. H. Byrd, president of the Valley Turnpike Company, and other officials left here this morning to inspect the pike and make arrangements for immediate repairs. The water at Harpers Ferry was eighteen feet in the downtown sections. The brewery, situated on the bank of the river, was flooded to the second story. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad had heavy engines and several trainloads of steel coal cars on the two bridges spanning the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers to prevent them washing away. The line of the Hampshire Southern Railroad from Romney to Moorefield, W. Va., which was recently completed, has been wrecked, bridges having been washed away like so many sticks. The road follows closely the south branch of the Potomac.

The hydro-electric plant of the Winchester and Washington City Railway Company at Millville, which furnishes power for Winchester, Berryville, and other places in the section, is again in operation, and industries which depend upon that company for motive power have resumed operations. Thus the body of Ira Goode, a well-known timber contractor, who was drowned near Moorefield, while engaged in crossing a swollen stream, has not been found. The bridge across the Shenandoah at Castleman's and Berry's ferries, Clarke county, were damaged by the flood, but they were pronounced safe to-day. In order to drive across the bridges, it was necessary for teams to go through from 300 to 400 feet of water, ranging from one to three feet deep. Practically every farmer in the lower Shenandoah valley has suffered loss of some kind. The fruit crops, however, escaped, and with fair and warm weather for a week or two, one of the largest crops of peaches ever gathered in Northern Virginia will be harvested.

Captain Casper Conrad, of the quartermaster's department of the United States Army, who is in charge of the removal of the cavalry and artillery horses on grass in the government pasture, south of Front Royal, and will ship them to Ft. Belvoir, Okla., about July 1. General Aleshire, the quartermaster-general, states that the horses obtained in the Shenandoah valley for army purposes are by far the best in the service.

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PORTER CHARLTON
IS STILL MISSING

Vessels Searched for Husband of
Lake Como Murder
Victim.

REAL FACTS NOW KNOWN

Alleged That Consul Caughy Ignored Real Evidence in Tragedy.

BY VANCE THOMPSON.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)
Como, June 19.—Only yesterday did the State Department at Washington officially learn the real facts of the Como murder, which were laid before United States Ambassador Leshman by The Times-Dispatch correspondent, Consul Caughy, of Milan, ignored the facts which might implicate Porter Charlton in the death of his wife. He reported to the ambassador that there were no wounds on the body and no blood on the garments of the slain woman. He explained the blood stains at the villa by the theory that Charlton was also assassinated, therefore Washington forced the Italian government to make an expensive search of Lake Como by divers.

Consul Caughy never went near the body, but sent his secretary, Mr. Robb, a young man from Texas, who was horrified at the sight of the corpse, made no examination and reported no blood on the garments.

Yesterday Signor Nardi, a delegate of police, who made the official examination, told the ambassador that "Not only was Mrs. Charlton's face smashed, but her hair was clogged with blood. There was blood on the breast, and on all the undergarments, and her black dress was stained with blood. The trunk was half filled with water, so the garments were drenched and the blood ran into streams."

I telephoned these facts to Ambassador Leshman at Castell Urio, and he immediately came to Como in Miss Leshman's motor boat. Mr. Leshman's conversation with me was personal, but I can say that Washington is now informed of the real facts. The only unexplained part of the Como mystery is the whereabouts of Porter Charlton.

This morning M. Schalluppi, the representative of the Russian government, saw the prisoner Isolapoff in the presence of Consul Guglia, the procurator, and examining magistrate. The suspect made a statement of his acquaintance with the Charltons. He acted as their interpreter, lunched with Charlton twice, and said the husband was polite, but the wife drank heavily, both of brandy and rum. He declared he knew nothing of the murder. The Russian representative says Isolapoff is honest and sincere, and calls his arrest an outrage.

Schalluppi left yesterday for Milan to advise his government to cure the immediate release of the prisoner. The Italian police are very angry. They say the action of the American authorities has retarded justice. The Italian newspapers attacked the American consul for mismanagement and interference. Mr. Caughy requested the police to offer \$1,000 reward for Charlton's body, to which the commissary said:

"You can get ten corpses for that price."

The police say that Charlton probably only had \$100 and his wife's jewelry when he fled from Como.

ARMED WOMAN ROUTS THIEF

Aunt of Senator Osborne, of New Jersey, Proves Her Mettle.

South Orange, N. J., June 19.—Roused by the sound of a scratching match and seeing that a burglar was in the house, Mrs. E. C. Bowne, who lives with her nephew, State Senator Harry V. Osborne, at 3 Mosswood Avenue, armed herself early in the morning with a revolver and fearlessly searched the whole house through. With her was Mrs. Ada W. Brenner, Mrs. Osborne's mother. Senator and Mrs. Osborne are at Atlantic City. After the two women failed to find the intruder they summoned a burglar, but when they arrived the burglar was gone.

Mrs. Bowne and Mrs. Brenner were aroused. They saw the flicker of a light in the hall. After Mrs. Bowne got the revolver they saw the light in the library had been turned on. Both women marched down the stairs to confront the burglar, but he was frightened away.

Evidences that the burglar had been in the house were plenty. The drawers of a silver chest had been pulled out and on two floors clothes rooms had been ransacked. The clothing was strewn about the floors.

"Who wants it?" asked a prominent Baltimorean of Ohio Railroad official here yesterday in response to an inquiry as to whether his company intended to do anything to prevent the city of Baltimore from selling its interest in the Valley Railroad of Virginia, between Harrisonburg and Lexington, which was operated by the Ohio and Ohio under a lease. Mayor Mahood, of Baltimore, has declared his intention of protecting Baltimore's interests in the Valley Railroad, and has proposed to prevent the Chesapeake and Ohio from getting it and turning the Valley trade into the hands of the Southern Railway. The official referred to said the road from Harrisonburg to Staunton paid fairly well, but from there to Lexington it was operated practically at a loss. It is claimed that the heavy grades render it impossible to haul large trains, and that it is an expensive proposition to maintain the road.

Speaker Richard Evelyn Byrd, of the Virginia House of Delegates, who was chief counsel for Professor J. D. Harris, acquitted of the murder of W. A. Thompson of Warrenton, at N. C., several days ago, is spending a week at his home in Winchester before returning to Richmond.

The Standard Oil Company has been given permission to make experimental tests with oil on the streets in Winchester, and an agent has been here several days making demonstrations.

The remains of Benjamin McDonald, member of an old Clarke county family, who died last week at Elliott City, Md., of pneumonia, were interred in Green Hill Cemetery at Berryville, where he was buried. He was forty years old, and is survived by several brothers and sisters.

Rev. Samuel Knox Phillips, who was recently graduated from the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, preached his first sermon, as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Berryville to-day. The church has been without a pastor since Rev. D. H. Seaton went to Richmond several years ago. Rev. Mr. Phillips will also serve several churches in Clarke and Frederick counties.

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PORTER CHARLTON, MISSING
HUSBAND OF MURDER VICTIMGOING TO BE LONESOME FOR
FATHER—TO HEAR HIM TELL IT

"What can the old man do when the family have gone to the woods?"

This question is being debated in almost every family that has the courage to mention money. All the plans have been made for an early exodus of mother and the crop to the shore, or to the mountain fastnesses, and Father will listen to no suggestion that the date of departure be postponed.

"Don't delay the game," said Father, "that is, I mean, I may have to go to New York about that time, and, of course, I want to be here to see you all off. And then, of course, I have engaged your accommodations."

Yes, in order to employ his time profitably, he hopes—in the summer, Father has joined a literary club, and has decided to take up historical studies of the most famous and universally beloved kings and queens and ten spots of all time. Believing that mutual study would be helpful, he has joined the club, which will meet from sundown to sunrise in the homes of those who are made bachelors again for the custom which demands that mother and sister and little Thomas Jefferson should use resort ozone at \$3 a day in some hot, out-of-the-way place.

In the absence of their families, the heads must have consolation, and so they are going to study together, taking up that chapter of higher mathematics known as "chance."

Just as soon as the bunch has cleared out for the wilds, Father is going to take that picture of mother's father out of the dining-room, put a picture of Jim Jeffries in its place, and take out the seltzer bottle and the mountain whiskey demijohn and put them on the sideboard. For Father went to a university once, and he believes in displaying the evidence of his culture, and the devotion of Father is beautiful, as each morning he goes out and caresses lovingly the growing green mint in the garden. Father is a lover of Nature, especially of the way in which Nature expresses herself through the corn, the rye and the mint. And the way he will say that mint when the folks are gone—my!

And, with subtle irony, when mother and the gang are gone, Father will write to them thus: "I cannot tell you how I miss you. The weather is so hot here that I think it will be unwise for you to return until late in September. I am counting the days until you come back."

up it was stated that Louis C. Hamersley gave all of his estate to his wife, the Duchess of Marlborough, for her use during life, and at her death it was to go to the male issue of his cousin, J. Hooker Hamersley, if there were any; and should there be none, it was to be divided among such charitable institutions as his wife might elect. The petition further states that at the death of the testator, J. Hooker Hamersley was not married, but he subsequently married Margaret Chisholm, of which marriage there was only one male issue, Louis Gordon Hamersley.

The fifty or more lawyers who are engaged in the case are divided over the proposition whether the provisions of the will passing the property to Louis Gordon Hamersley are valid. The attorneys of the young man, led by Attorney Henry H. Mann, say that he is rightfully entitled to the estate. The other lawyers contend that the will spoke at the time of the testator's death, and there being no male issue alive at that time of J. Hooker Hamersley, the property would be divided between the heirs of the founder of the fortune, who are the Mason heirs.

The will of Louis S. Hamersley named George G. Williams, Jacob K. Lockman and Lily Warren Beresford, the wife, as the executors. No final accounting for the estate has yet been made, and their estate has never been filed. Such an accounting is now demanded.

OBITUARY

Charles Talbott.

Charles Talbott, son of Mrs. Lizzie R. and the late Allan Talbott, died yesterday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock in the twenty-eighth year of his age. The funeral will take place from the Grace Street Presbyterian Church to-norrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. He is survived by his mother and one sister.

Charles H. Goering.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Charlottesville, Va., June 19.—Charles H. Goering, a well known resident of the county, died yesterday afternoon at 11:00 o'clock in the twenty-eighth year of his age. The body was taken this morning to Simeon, where the funeral took place at 11 o'clock. Mr. Goering was sixty-nine years of age. He is survived by four children—three sons and one daughter. He also leaves one brother, Oscar Goering, of Simeon.

DEATHS

TALBOTT—Entered into rest, Sunday, at 6:30 P. M., CHARLES TALBOTT, son of Lizzie R. and the late Allan Talbott, in the twenty-eighth year of his age.

Funeral from Grace Street Presbyterian Church at 4:30 TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

BURKE—Died, at his residence, No. 719 East Grace Street, Sunday, June 19, at 8 o'clock A. M., FRANK P. BURKE.

Funeral will take place TUESDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock from St. Peter's Church.

FRANKLIN LAWSON
LIKES OUR MUSIC

Famous Tenor Declares That
True Musical Public Is
Found in South.

SHOWS GREAT PROGRESS

Impressions by Expert Highly
Complimentary to the
Local Chorus.

Richmond's musical public will be pleased to learn of the many complimentary references to Southern musical progress, based upon his recent tour, by Franklin Lawson, in the current number of one of the leading music periodicals. Especial interest for people here is contained in the article, for it was Dr. Lawson who took the tenor part in the last festival of the Wednesday Club in April, and he includes Richmond and the musical activities of the city in his remarks, which are condensed to generalities. Richmond was the most important city that Dr. Lawson visited on his recent tour. Dr. Lawson is not only one of the most famous American tenors, but a musical critic and teacher of first rank and ability.

One of the things that impressed him most was the up-to-date hotels that he ran across in the South. It is well known that outside of Florida, Richmond is superior to all other Southern cities in the matter of hotel accommodations, and so what Dr. Lawson says in this connection may be taken to refer most complimentarily to Richmond.

"The hotels were among the things that most attracted my attention. You know that to the artist nothing is more important than good hotel accommodations, for a singer's voice is much influenced by the artist's physical condition, and one cannot sing well if he has had sleepless nights and poor meals. Even in the smaller towns conditions have improved immeasurably."

Heating the Chorus.

The chorus of the Wednesday Club will surely be pleased at what Dr. Lawson says about local choruses.

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